

WHIP National Priorities (Questions) FY 2009

	WHIP National Priorities	Questions to Determine National Priorities (If any question is yes then the related National Question is yes.)	Points
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native wildlife habitats?	Will this contract result in: 1. In the establishment of native grass fields, field borders, or filter strips? 2. a decrease in woodland fragmentation (wildlife corridor, access control)?	90
2	Are the planned restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitat conservation practices of a self-sustaining nature such as a native perennial plant?	Will this contract result in the establishment of: 1) A riparian forest buffer, or 2) A hedgerow wildlife corridor or 4) stabilization of a streambank including riparian forest buffer or 5) establishment of shrubs or trees?	60
3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development, or enhancement of wildlife habitat for at-risk species which can include candidate species, and State listed threatened and endangered species?	Will this contract result in: a practice(s) being implemented which positively impacts a federal candidate or state listed threatened or endangered species? Refer to <i>TN WHIP Ranking T&E Reference List</i> (http://www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WHIP_2009/WHIP2.html).	100
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development, or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species?	Will this contract result in: a practice(s) being implemented which positively impacts a federally listed T&E species (refer to http://www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WHIP_2009/WHIP2.html). For species not found on the WHIP T&E list, contact your Area Biologist for impact determination.	100
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on wildlife habitats?	Will this contract result in implementation of the <i>Tame Grass and Weed Eradication</i> (645) practice or use of <i>prescribed burning</i> to control invasive plants?	70
6	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development, or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats?	Will this contract result in: the establishment of filter strips, riparian forest buffers, wetland creation/restoration, streambank or shoreline protection, pond for wildlife water, or access control for any of the above?	80
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State Questions:			
	1. Will any of the following practices be implemented adjacent to a 303d listed stream: Access Control, Riparian Forest Buffer, Streambank/Shoreline Protection, Filter Strip?		80
	2. Is the site located in the WHIP Priority Area?		30
	3. Is the site contiguous with a Federal Wildlife Refuge, National or State Forest, Wildlife Management Area, State Park, or Natural Area?		30
	4. Will Access Control exclude access to <u>existing</u> ponds, wetlands, seep areas, springs and spring runs?		60
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